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Sec. 483.106. ADMINISTRATION OF OPIOID ANTAGONIST. (a) A person who, acting in good faith and with reasonable care, administers or does not administer an opioid antagonist to another person whom the person believes is suffering an opioid-related drug overdose is not subject to criminal prosecution, sanction under any professional licensing statute, or civil liability, for an act or omission resulting from the administration of or failure to administer the opioid antagonist.

(b) Emergency services personnel are authorized to administer an opioid antagonist to a person who appears to be suffering an opioid-related drug overdose, as clinically indicated.

Sec. 483.107. CONFLICT OF LAW. To the extent of a conflict between this subchapter and another law, this subchapter controls.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act relating to conduct that is grounds for imposition of a disciplinary sanction applies only to conduct that occurs on or after September 1, 2015. Conduct that occurs before September 1, 2015, is governed by the law in effect on the date the conduct occurred, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act relating to conduct that is the basis for civil liability applies only to conduct that occurs on or after September 1, 2015. Conduct that occurs before September 1, 2015, is governed by the law in effect on the date the conduct occurred, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act relating to conduct that constitutes a criminal offense applies only to an offense committed on or after September 1, 2015. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed before September 1, 2015, if any element of the offense occurs before that date. An offense committed before September 1, 2015, is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed the Senate on April 22, 2015: Yeas 30, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 29, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendment, on May 26, 2015: Yeas 146, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Effective September 1, 2015.

**CREATING LIMITED PURPOSE DISASTER DECLARATION
AUTHORITY FOR THE GOVERNOR AND A SEARCH AND
RESCUE TASK FORCE IN EACH DISASTER FIELD
RESPONSE REGION**

CHAPTER 959

S.B. No. 1465

AN ACT

**relating to creating limited purpose disaster declaration authority for the governor
and a search and rescue task force in each disaster field response region.**

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 418, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 418.025 to read as follows:

Sec. 418.025. LIMITED PURPOSE DECLARATION. (a) If the governor determines that a disaster can be adequately addressed without invoking all the powers and duties provided by this subchapter, the governor may, by proclamation or executive order, issue

a limited purpose disaster declaration invoking only the authority provided by Sections 418.016(a) and (e).

(b) A declaration made under this section is subject to Section 418.014.

SECTION 2. Section 418.043, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 418.043. OTHER POWERS AND DUTIES. The division shall:

- (1) determine requirements of the state and its political subdivisions for food, clothing, and other necessities in event of a disaster;
- (2) procure and position supplies, medicines, materials, and equipment;
- (3) adopt standards and requirements for local and interjurisdictional emergency management plans;
- (4) periodically review local and interjurisdictional emergency management plans;
- (5) coordinate deployment of mobile support units;
- (6) establish and operate training programs and programs of public information or assist political subdivisions and emergency management agencies to establish and operate the programs;
- (7) make surveys of public and private industries, resources, and facilities in the state that are necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter;
- (8) plan and make arrangements for the availability and use of any private facilities, services, and property and provide for payment for use under terms and conditions agreed on if the facilities are used and payment is necessary;
- (9) establish a register of persons with types of training and skills important in disaster mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery;
- (10) establish a register of mobile and construction equipment and temporary housing available for use in a disaster;
- (11) assist political subdivisions in developing plans for the humane evacuation, transport, and temporary sheltering of service animals and household pets in a disaster;
- (12) prepare, for issuance by the governor, executive orders and regulations necessary or appropriate in coping with disasters;
- (13) cooperate with the federal government and any public or private agency or entity in achieving any purpose of this chapter and in implementing programs for disaster mitigation, preparation, response, and recovery;
- (14) develop a plan to raise public awareness and expand the capability of the information and referral network under Section 531.0312;
- (15) improve the integration of volunteer groups, including faith-based organizations, into emergency management plans;
- (16) cooperate with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to create uniform guidelines for acceptable home repairs following disasters and promote public awareness of the guidelines;
- (17) cooperate with state agencies to:
 - (A) encourage the public to participate in volunteer emergency response teams and organizations that respond to disasters; and
 - (B) provide information on those programs in state disaster preparedness and educational materials and on Internet websites;
- (18) establish a liability awareness program for volunteers, including medical professionals;
- (19) define "individuals with special needs" in the context of a disaster;
- (20) *establish and operate, subject to the availability of funds, a search and rescue task force in each field response region established by the division to assist in search,*

rescue, and recovery efforts before, during, and after a natural or man-made disaster; and

(21) [(20)] do other things necessary, incidental, or appropriate for the implementation of this chapter.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed the Senate on April 13, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0; May 25, 2015, Senate refused to concur in House amendment and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 27, 2015, House granted request of the Senate; May 30, 2015, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendment, on May 21, 2015: Yeas 140, Nays 1, two present not voting; May 27, 2015, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 31, 2015, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 2, two present not voting.

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STUDY ON HOMELESS VETERANS

CHAPTER 960

S.B. No. 1580

AN ACT

relating to a study on homeless veterans.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2306, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter OO to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER OO. HOMELESS VETERANS

Sec. 2306.1101. STUDY ON HOMELESS VETERANS. (a) The department, in conjunction with other members of the Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless established under Subchapter KK, shall conduct a study and prepare a report on homeless veterans.

(b) The report prepared under this section must:

- (1) include a summary of the information resulting from the study;*
- (2) note any significant assumptions made in preparing the report, including the definition of "homelessness" that was used to prepare the report and the reason that definition was used;*
- (3) summarize the status of the homeless veteran population in this state and note any trends observed in the previous three calendar years;*
- (4) based on input from the Texas Veterans Commission and the Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless, describe the statewide and major local entities serving homeless veteran populations, and the funding sources of those entities; and*
- (5) provide recommendations, including recommendations made by the Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless, to improve the effectiveness of this state's approach to addressing homelessness among veterans, including any recommended changes to state law.*

(c) The department shall submit the report required by this section to the legislature not later than December 1, 2016.